

ISNT there something the matter when an entire nation must suffer owing to the demands of one class?

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**WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas:**  
Partly cloudy; high probable thunder showers this afternoon and tonight; cooler tonight, Friday, fair and warmer.

## WAGE EARNERS AND OTHER LIVES STRIKE VICTIMS

Cut Off Factory Wages \$2,400,000 a Day in Illinois.

35,000 Shopmen Get Half Demands; Won't Strike.

## CHIEFS ISSUE STATEMENT Will Give Needed Service if Trains Are Protected.

Every Trunk Line in Country Puts Ban on Freight.

## MARSHALING STRIKEBREAKERS

Warn Travelers to End Journeys Before 7 A. M. Monday.

Railroad Companies to Work in Harmony During Tieup.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Practically every factory in Illinois will be obliged to close down, throwing out of employment about 600,000 wage earners, in the event of a national railroad strike, Samuel M. Hastings, president of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, said today. For every day that factories of Illinois are idle it means the stopping of manufacture of products valued at \$10,000,000. President Hastings said without loss to wage earners of \$2,400,000.

A strike of 35,000 shop men employed on nineteen railroads of the middle west will be averted, W. J. Tollerton, chief of the mechanical department of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, today following a conference with representatives of the Rock Island shop men who demanded an eight-hour day and an increase of 3 cents in wages.

"We have made a compromise offer to our shop men, which practically amounts to granting them their demands, and believe that after several more weeks of negotiations the controversy will be settled," Tollerton said.

Will Maintain Service.

As the central west railroad presidents gathered today for their conference to arrange for the operation of their lines in case of a strike, President Hale Holden, of the Burlington, issued a statement announcing that the railroads of the middle west would be able to maintain service if given protection.

As Holden was acting as spokesman for the railroad presidents, both here and in Washington, his statement was regarded as the expression of the entire body of Chicago railroad presidents. Holden's statement follows:

"The situation is undoubtedly very critical, but the railroads unite in feeling that they have done everything possible to find a solution and that the country supports them in the position taken. The issue now appears to be between congress and the leaders of the brotherhoods with public universal that transportation must not be interrupted without an opportunity being afforded to consider the president's program of legislation and time enough for that purpose.

Feble Legislation to Blame

"If under the circumstances the strike occurs on Monday, the responsibility for the consequences will be placed on the public which it belongs. The situation is the logical result of feeble and unwise legislation in the past, and the apparent helpless position of congress is not surprising as one of the results.

"If the strike occurs, the railroads of this territory, at least in my opinion, will be able to maintain sufficient service to relieve the public wants, although there will be undoubtedly much public inconvenience, which will be largely dependent upon the enforcement of law for keeping the peace. There are men who are willing to work and man the trains if the public permits them to do so thru the enforcement of the law. I do not believe there will be a complete stoppage of service.

H. E. Byron, vice president and superintendent of the Burlington, declared, contrary to reports, no strikebreakers have been hired by the Burlington.

Companies in Alliance.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Presidents and operating officials of the railroads of the country are in conference today for the purpose of formulating plans to operate trains in the event that the strike of the four brotherhoods of trainmen set for next Monday morning takes effect. Practically none of the railroad heads shared in the optimism expressed in some quarters, that the passage of the eight hour bill by congress would prevent a strike and according to E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.

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## ONLY ONE IS LEFT Rock Island Alone of Topeka Roads Has No Declared an Embargo.

The Missouri Pacific joined the ranks of other Kansas railroads in ordering embargoes today. This morning orders were received in the Topeka freight office to the effect that the road would not accept shipment of perishable freight and live stock which cannot reach destination before 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

All other freight is subject to delay. The order was issued from the general office of the company Wednesday night at 6 o'clock and received here at 7 o'clock this morning.

The only railroad running thru Topeka that has not yet declared such an embargo is the Rock Island. At a late hour this afternoon no such orders had been received in the Topeka offices of that road.

## AFTER 2 WEEKS NO ELECTRICITY FOR STREE CARS

Edison Company Has Ten Days' Supply of Coal.

Ten More Cars on Way Will Add Few Days.

## TOPEKA MUST WALK AND SLEEP City Would Be in Darkness if Electricity Failed.

Superintendent Purdy in Effort to Avoid Trouble.

Efforts of the Edison Electric Light company were today aimed at obtaining a supply of coal large enough to weather the threatened railroad strike and offset danger of having to shut down at the end of two weeks. It was announced by A. H. Purdy, manager of the company, today that the plant has enough coal in storage to last ten days and enough in transit which is expected to arrive before the expected walkout Monday to extend the limit of the supply to two weeks. After that if the supply should be completely shut off there would be nothing for the company to do but shut down.

Mr. Purdy is hoping that will not take place. "We have the 10 days' supply on hand," he said. "We know of enough in transit that ought to arrive by Sunday evening to extend the limit to two weeks. For an emergency we have also ordered ten cars of fuel oil, a part of which ought to be here before the strike. In estimating the limit at two weeks, however, I include the fuel oil which will be used in conjunction with the coal supply, a policy which is only in order when there is an emergency."

Look for No Trouble.

"We hope the two weeks' supply will be adequate until we can get more which we will have in transit, and we will be making an effort to have fuel in transit at the time I also hope that the situation will be settled enough to permit shipping by the time the two weeks' supply runs low. I took things up with the central powers, it is believed here."

Greece to Abandon Neutrality.

Athens, Aug. 30, via London, Aug. 31.—Rapid developments in the diplomatic situation here today make it appear that within 48 hours Greece will have abandoned the policy of neutrality in the war.

Can't Confirm King's Flight.

London, Aug. 31.—No confirmation of the reported flight of King Constantine from Athens to Larissa has been received here, which was here which considers it highly improbable.

## KASTORIA RELIEF! Bulgars, Defeated by Serbs, Send for Reinforcements.

Lose 15,000 in Their German Style of Attack.

London, Aug. 31.—The fighting is very severe all along the Macedonian front. The Bulgarian regiments suffered a severe check at the hands of the Serbs in the battle of the Balkans. The Bulgarian losses are estimated at 15,000.

The Serbians in close formation, after the German style, near Lorovitz, and suffered severely. They were compelled to ask for reinforcements from Valbanenki and Kastoria.

## HOGS SKYROCKET AGAIN

Highest Price Since 1862—Hit \$11.45 in East St. Louis.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 31.—Hog prices today went up to \$11.10, the highest price ever paid here, on account of the livestock embargo.

East St. Louis, Ill., Aug. 31.—Hog prices reached the highest level in western and central markets since 1862, when good to heavy hogs sold for \$11.45 on the local market today. The railroad embargo on livestock caused the jump which was a 15 cent raise from yesterday's market.

Up 10 Cents in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Hogs jumped ten cents to its highest level since 1862 in the Chicago livestock exchange today when choice hogs were quoted at \$11.40 a hundred pounds. Railroads embargo on livestock was responsible for the gain. Cattle were up with the top price at \$11.35 for beefsteers. Sheep sold strong at prices from ten to fifteen cents higher.

## TAGGART HAS R. R. BILL

Kansas Congressman Would Make Railroads Perform Usual Functions.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Representative Taggart of Kansas, has introduced a bill in the house providing that in case any railroad fails to carry freight and passengers to the reasonable satisfaction of the public, the attorney general shall bring proceedings to place the road in the hands of a receiver.

In appointing such receiver, the court is to be asked to appoint the president or some other officer of the road in case he is willing to serve. The bill provides that the road shall be operated on an eight-hour basis, the pay for eight hours to be the same as it is now for a full day.

## GREECE CHAOS, KING IN FLIGHT, CABINET QUILTS

Report Constantine Takes Refuge With Germans.

Flees to Larissa, 180 Miles North of Capital.

## ALLIES LAND NEAR ATHENS

Greek Garrison Gives Battle; Princes Slain.

London, Aug. 31.—The Greek government has been thrown into chaos by the resignation of Premier Zaimis while rumors are in circulation that King Constantine has fled, says an Athens dispatch today. The premier, who became head of the Greek cabinet on June 23, resigned because of Zaimis' entrance into the war, the dispatch said. He informed King Constantine two weeks ago that he would not attempt to direct the affairs of government when the Balkan situation was made more complicated by a declaration of war from Russia.

Reports that King Constantine has fled his capital and taken refuge with a German escort of Ulians at Larissa, 150 miles north of Athens, have not been confirmed. The report was first telegraphed to London by the official British press representative, who telegraphed also a report that the allies landed a strong force at Piraeus, eight miles from Athens, which was engaged by a Greek army. Several Greek princes have fallen, the dispatch said.

To Join Allies in War.

Earlier dispatches from Athens said that the French and British ministers had made several unsuccessful attempts to obtain King Constantine's declaration of war.

The fall of the Zaimis neutrality cabinet may mean the immediate elevation of former Premier Venizelos to the head of the Greek government and an adequate food supply is established in transportation over other freight.

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All such trains, it is assumed, will be amply protected as will other property. That will be done by employees of the road. When transportation for an adequate food supply is established, the other freight will receive consideration.

Connections at division points will not be assured, however. It was explained by operating officials that men had been hired and equipment was ready for the emergency trains.

## PREPARE FOR A STRIKE

Miners in Texas, Missouri and Kansas Issue Ultimatum.

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 31.—Two thousand four hundred Texas coal miners, distributed over various fields, will refuse to go to work Friday morning, the result of the failure of the Fort Worth conference to adjust a new wage scale.

May Stop Conference Today

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 31.—Unless agreement on a new wage scale for coal miners is reached here today, negotiations for the new biennial contract will be broken off before night.

## INJUNCTION AT K. C. T. R. IN MAINE TONIGHT

Conductor, 36 Years With U. P., Says They Voted Against Strike.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 31.—Attorneys for Charles A. Brown, for thirty-six years a Union Pacific conductor, will seek Saturday to have made permanent the temporary injunction issued by the federal court restraining officials of the Order of Railroad Conductors from ordering a strike.

Brown's petition states that if he "sticks" in case of a strike, he loses insurance, and if he goes out, he will get no pension. He contends a majority of the Union Pacific trainmen voted against a strike, but technicality was resorted to by union heads to report a vote favorable to the proposed strike.

## MOVIES TO USE AUTOS

Plan Cross Continent Service to Prevent Film Famine.

Los Angeles, Aug. 21.—Plans to guard against a possible motion picture film famine by using automobiles in case of a railroad strike to carry films from the producing companies in southern California to printing establishments in the east for developing, already have been made.

One company has arranged a schedule insuring delivery of negatives in New York in seven days.

Plague in El Paso Now.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 31.—Five cases of infantile paralysis have been discovered here. All victims found are children. City health authorities, aided by military medical men, are making every effort to check the disease before it spreads to the army camps.

## HUGHES PLAYS WITH PAPOOSES IN WEST



Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and their papoose friends.

## TWO TRAINS A DAY STOP TICKET SALE

Santa Fe Plans Emergency Service, Beginning Monday.

Passengers and Property Will Be Amply Protected.

The first step planned by Kansas railroads, if the trainmen walk out Monday morning, is to furnish transportation for foodstuffs, adequate to prevent any serious shortage. That was officially announced in railroad circles today. Foodstuffs and similar commodities will be given preference in transportation over other freight.

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## 15,000 FROM BORDER

Funston Ordered to Send Several Regiments of Guards Home.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Orders had been issued today for the first withdrawal of national guard troops from the Mexican border. General Funston was under authorization of Secretary Baker to return 15,000 guardsmen, including three regiments from New York, two each from New Jersey, Illinois and Missouri; one each from Louisiana, Oregon, Washington and California; and 6,000 regular coast artillerymen who have been serving as infantry.

Similar withdrawal will be continued within a few days, the war department plans. It was explained the recent dispatch of additional troops which had not done border service was largely responsible for the removal.

## RAINING IN KANSAS

There Were Showers Practically All Over the State.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau: 7 o'clock... 68 11 o'clock... 68 2 o'clock... 66 12 o'clock... 65 5 o'clock... 62 8 o'clock... 62 10 o'clock... 62

Temperatures today averaged 3 degrees below normal. The wind is blowing at the rate of twelve miles an hour from the south.

Light to moderately heavy rains were general over Kansas last night and this morning and the sky was cloudy in all parts of the state today. The rain here up to 9:30 o'clock had totaled fourteen-hundredths of an inch. At that time the rain had practically stopped and the sky was getting lighter. Last night was the warmest night here since August 21, with a minimum temperature of 68 degrees. The mercury this morning (Continued on Page Two)

## STRIKEBREAKERS READY

Frisco Quarters 400 Men—To Close General Offices.

Springfield, Mo., Aug. 31.—Between 400 and 500 men are being quartered here in anticipation of the strike Monday.

Word has gone out that the general offices will be closed Saturday for an indefinite period. The repair shops are expected to remain open for a brief time to complete work that is being hurried at the big shops here.

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## TOPEKA JOBBERS MAKE A FRANTIC 'FOOD' ATTEMPT

Reserve Supplies Needed to Ward Off Hunger Here.

Hundreds of Telegrams From Over State After Orders.

## POTATO SHORTAGE IS SERIOUS

And Hundreds of Cars Have Been Shipped Away.

Activities of Topeka commission men and food jobbers are today being concentrated on a frantic but almost hopeless attempt to obtain reserve supplies of goods large enough to minimize the emergency which will be created here by a trainmen's strike Monday morning. But little success in the effort is being met and the run on grocery stores continues.

Jobbers thruout the state are bombarding railroad offices and jobbers and manufacturers in large cities with telegrams by the hundreds in an attempt to induce the railroads to accept shipments and the manufacturers to ship. In practically all such cases, however, the point of origin is so far away that the railroads refuse to accept shipments because the goods could not get here under the rules of the embargo. As a result, jobbers and manufacturers in Kansas City, Chicago and other places from where the embargo is being enforced, are here before the limit of the embargo, which is anywhere from Friday afternoon to Sunday evening, are holding on to their goods for consumption in their own cities, which will be hit by a more serious shortage than will Topeka.

Short on Potatoes.

"One of the most serious shortages in Topeka will be in potatoes," S. E. Lux, commission jobber, said today. "The Kaw valley supply has been practically exhausted. It is impossible to get shipments from the north or anywhere else. I offered a jobber in Kansas City a hundred for a car which he had on hand Wednesday. At first he promised them to me. Then he changed his mind and told me he could not supply them. I don't know how someone else offered him more money."

Jobbers here are not laying in a reserve supply of potatoes. They are in a big emergency if I were able," he said in answer to a question.

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Supply Shipped Out.

This summer thousands of car loads of potatoes were shipped from the Kaw valley all over the United States. Now some of them are being sold down to 60 cents a bushel. The Kaw valley supply is exhausted and the Kaw valley is cut off from the rest of the world.

There is but a small supply of vegetables here, the merchants say. Because of the shortage of the output of the Kaw valley, small, the output of freight embargoes will not permit extensive shipping from Colorado. The result is that the output of the Kaw valley will be paralyzed and hundreds of thousands of dollars will be lost.

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## POLITICAL EVENT OF YEAR IN STATE HERE TOMORROW

Details Arranged for Hughes Meeting in Topeka.

Nine Other Talks Will Be Made on Union Pacific.

## THEY'LL BE WAITING FOR HIM

Reception of 25,000 at Capitol When Nominee Arrives.

He Is Here at 2:47 and Leaves at 3:50 Friday.

All details for the big Hughes meeting in Topeka Friday had been worked out today and local committees announced that with favorable weather conditions, the opening of the Republican campaign here would be one of the feature political events in several years. Governor Hughes will speak forty minutes here. He will make nine other short talks in the state during the day.

Governor Capper and Fred E. Stanley, Republican national committee man, will leave tonight for Hays, where they will meet the Hughes party early Friday morning. Eight stops will be made before the train arrives in Topeka from Denver and at each stopping point between Hays and Topeka, Hughes will make a few remarks. In Salina and several other towns he will make two minute talks.

When the Hughes train arrives in Topeka at 2:47 Friday afternoon over the Union Pacific, the Republican president nominee will be given a real Kansas reception. It is probable that 25,000 men and women will attend the meeting at the state house, if the weather conditions permit automobile parties to reach Topeka. Hundreds of women will participate in the reception for Hughes and his wife.

Sunflowers and Flags.

Scores of cars driven by Topeka and Kansas women will be parked in Ninth street under a special arrangement. Each car will be decorated with sunflowers and flags. Following the passage of the Hughes train, women will march to the state house. Special reservations have been made for them.

Arrangements for the meeting have been completed today for special decorations on public buildings, stores and residences in honor of the presidential candidate. The city of Topeka and Manhattan and Harvey Parsons, chief of police, have made special arrangements for handling the crowds.

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## WILSON WELDS BIG SICK AFTER EIGHT-HOUR LAW

Strike Averted if Measure Is Passed by Saturday.

President Urges Postponement of Tieup Date.

## SENATE HOLDS A HEARING

Gompers and Garretson Denounce Arbitration Law.

Optimism Prevails That Strike Will Be Averted.

(Additional strike details from Washington on page 6.)

Washington, Aug. 31.—Congress put all other affairs aside today and devoted itself to enacting President Wilson's legislative program to avert the railroad strike.

But the president, overlooking no possible means to prevent the threatened public calamity, did not depend on congress alone and continued incessantly his efforts